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Bokorny's Textbook

BOKORNY has published a textbook of botany³ that meets the official requirements for instruction in the *Oberrealschulen* and *Realschulen* of Bavaria. It appears in two parts and is thoroughly well printed and illustrated. The authorship of the book is a guarantee of its accuracy, and therefore the chief interest lies in discovering the kind of botanical material that is thought appropriate for the German student who is approximately the equivalent of our students from the third year of high school through the second year of college. In short, the purpose of the book would be about the same as that of most of our texts for high schools, which are announced for high schools, but are really suitable for colleges.

It is evident at first glance that the demand is for a general survey of the whole domain of botany. The first section (145 pp.) deals with "flowering plants," and is introduced by studies of common garden forms, the first contact being with rape and the various cabbage types. In this way a knowledge of the gross morphology of angiosperms is developed; to which is appended what would seem to be a few useless pages of cryptogams. The second section (15 pp.) deals with "inner morphology," which is explained to be "plant anatomy" or "histology." Yeast, pine needles, starch grains, chloroplasts, growing points, vascular elements, root-hairs, etc., form the usual *débris* under such a caption. The third section (197 pp.) is a presentation of the classification of the plant kingdom, that amazing impossibility that rides every German text like the old man of the sea. It is like inserting a dictionary of the language into the midst of a course on literature. We presume that the German boy must submit to it, but we wonder at his docility. This closes the first volume.

The second volume includes four sections. The first (20 pp.) is really a presentation of plant symmetry, but it is not long enough to hurt; the second (104 pp.) deals with physiology and anatomy, relating structure to function; the third (90 pp.) is entitled "biology," which we include under the broader term ecology, and it looks quite modern and interesting; the fourth (17 pp.) is a brief outline of plant geography, being chiefly an enumeration of zones, provinces, etc.

The general structure of the book would not be so very different from that of the corresponding American texts, were the 200 pages of classification omitted.—J. M. C.

MINOR NOTICES

Bibliographia Linnaeana.—This work⁴ represents the most complete bibliography of the numerous Linnaean publications ever compiled. The different works of LINNAEUS and the publications of other authors directly relating thereto are arranged chronologically, beginning with the *Dissertatio botanica de planta*

³ BOKORNY, TH., Lehrbuch der Botanik für Oberrealschulen und Realschulen. Teil I, pp. vi+366, M4. Teil II, pp. 233, M3. Leipzig: Wilhelm Engelmann. 1908.

⁴ HULTH, J. M., Bibliographia Linnaeana: Matériaux pour servir à une bibliographie Linnéenne. Partie 1, Livraison 1, 8vo. pp. 170. pls. 1-3, 5-9, 11. Uppsala: Librairie de l'Université, C. J. Lundström. Berlin: R. Friedländer & Sohn. 1907.